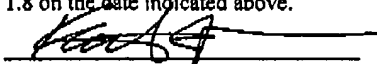


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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY AND REQUIREMENT FOR  
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Sir/Madam:

Responsive to the Notice of Allowability and Examiner's Amendment dated November 18, 2005, and the Examiner's requirement therein for corrected drawings to change the cross hatching from the general cross hatching for sections of parts, which also represents in some instances metal cross hatching, to cross hatching specifically representing rubber or plastic parts, applicant requests reconsideration by the Examiner and acceptance of the drawings as they are. Applicant had a telephone interview with the Examiner regarding the drawings and explained that the various parts could be made of various different materials and that specific cross hatching could not represent the full range of possible materials for particular parts. Further, it is applicant's understanding that the cross hatching currently used is not only used to indicate metal

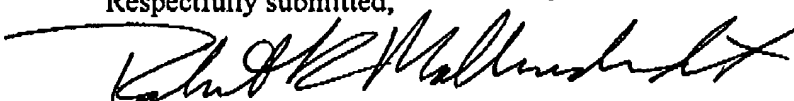
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parts, but is also commonly used in patent drawings to represent sections of parts generally and does not necessarily represent just metal parts. It is pointed out that the particular parts that are cross hatched in the drawings are specifically described and identified in the specification and that with such identification, a person skilled in the art would know what various kinds of materials could be used for such parts. Further, the current cross hatching has been accepted without objection for similar drawings in other of applicant's applications.

Applicant requests reconsideration by the Examiner and acceptance of the drawings as they are.

Dated this 10<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2006.

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